From: Zondervan, Quinton
To: Katherine Ellin
Subject: Re: bds
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Thanks Katherine for writing.

I am very supportive of the effort to acknowledge the plight of the Palestinian people. Unfortunately the proposed resolution did not have the support it would need to pass or even to come forward on the agenda as written. I hope to work with all interested parties in the future on the best way for the council to speak out on this issue and to make a positive contribution towards peace and justice for both Palestinians and Israelis.

I'm always happy to meet and discuss this issue or any other, in person or by phone as you prefer.

All the best,

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> On Apr 20, 2018, at 1:29 AM, Katherine Ellin <katherine.ellin@gmail.com> wrote:
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> Hi Quinton,
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> I don't think we've met, but I'm a long time Cambridge resident who cares a lot about the city.
> I understand that the vote on the Global BDS Movement's bill to end contracts with HP has been postponed. I hope this will give people a chance to learn more and think more deeply and more carefully about it. I read that you are/were planning to vote yes on that BDS bill, which is deeply concerning to me. I hope that what I read is a mistake and that you will not be supporting this anti-Israel BDS ongoing effort to delegitimize Israel. If you would like to discuss the situation in Israel, I would be glad to meet with you. As you know it is a very complex situation. In my view, BDS is dangerous and undermines efforts for a two-state solution, efforts to create peace, and movement towards a better life for Palestinians. While the state of Israel — like our own country — has its flaws, its presence among the community of nations is vital.
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